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FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER TOTAL SANITATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union government has allocated funds under the Total Sanitation Programme for the development of rural areas in the country during the Tenth Plan period;;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for spending the allocated amount under the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the amount allocated by the Centre has been spent on the respective schemes during the year 2004-05;

(f) if not, the reasons therefore;

(g) the name of the States who have not spent the amount on the respective programmes during the said period; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDERA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has sanctioned Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects in 520 districts in the country during the 9th and 10th Plan period so far. State-wise outlay of the sanctioned TSC projects and funds released so far are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) & (d) TSC projects are sanctioned for a period of 4 − 5 years and it is expected the projects would be implemented during this period.

(e) to (h) Yes, Sir. The amount allocated by Centre to TSC projects is being spent by the project districts. Funds to a TSC project are released in four installments depending upon utilization of funds and fulfillment of other prescribed conditions. However, pace of implementation in certain States e.g. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashir, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Punjab and Uttaranchal is slow. Government of India is regularly reviewing implementation of the programme and extending necessary technical guidance to the project authorities to enable them to expedite implementation of TSC projects. A detailed monitoring system has also been put in place for the purpose.